

Question on Notice

No. 1406

Asked on Tuesday, 29 November 2022

MR T MANDER ASKED THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNITIES AND HOUSING, MINISTER FOR DIGITAL ECONOMY AND MINISTER FOR THE ARTS (HON L ENOCH)—

QUESTION:

With reference to Community Housing, and the government's Long-Term Housing program—

Will the Minister advise (a) the number of registered providers approved under the program, (b) the number of properties registered under the program each year at 30 June from 2017, (c) budgeted expenditure per financial year committed to the Long-Term Housing program from 2017-18 to present and (d) actual expenditure per financial year for the Long-Term Housing program from 2017-18 to present?

ANSWER:

Queensland has a vibrant Community Housing sector which delivers essential housing services to thousands of Queenslanders each day. The Long-Term Community Housing (LTCH) funded program provides long term social housing assistance to eligible households on the Housing Register.

At 31 October 2022, the LTCH was delivered by 127 community housing providers with either provider-owned properties, for which they have received a capital contribution from the department, or department-owned properties leased to the provider.

At 30 June 2017, 6,512 properties were registered under the program; as at 30 June 2018, 6,428 properties were registered under the program; as at 30 June 2019, 6,176 properties were registered under the program; as at 30 June 2020, 6,136 properties were registered under the program; as at 30 June 2021, 6,102 properties were registered under the program and as at 30 June 2022, 6,226 properties were registered under the program. In 2017, the National Regulatory Scheme for Community Housing was introduced in Queensland, with some providers electing to discontinue delivery of properties under LTCH. Properties may have been transferred to be used for social housing, or providers may have continued to use properties outside of the social housing system.

The LTCH program does not have a specific annual budget allocation. Rent is recovered from LTCH rental properties by community housing providers and is used to offset their expenses in providing services to their tenants.

The department's budget per financial year for maintenance, repairs and upgrade works is created at a whole of social housing property portfolio level and allocated to individual LTCH properties based on needs determined through property condition reports. It is therefore not possible to provide a response to part c of the Member's question.

In 2017-18, the actual expenditure for the LTCH program was \$1,899,000; in 2018-19, the actual expenditure was \$2,604,000; in 2019-20, the actual expenditure was \$2,227,000; in 2020-21 the actual expenditure was \$4,228,000; and in 2021-22 the actual expenditure was \$5,937,000.

The Queensland Government maintains a long-term commitment to, and investment in social and affordable housing, including delivery by both government and community housing providers, who are key to ensuring a single healthy housing system.